

Expression of Interest – GNSO Nominated Mentor for the ICANN Fellowship Program

Overview:

This call seeks members of the GNSO community interested in serving as a volunteer mentor for the ICANN Fellowship Program.

Please complete, save and submit this form by email to gnso-secs@icann.org. **The deadline is 12 January 2023 at 23:59 UTC.**

How to complete your application:

1. First, read the Acknowledgement and Consent text below. Check the appropriate box and enter the date on page 2.
2. Beginning on page 3, this application includes fields for you to fill in personal details, as well as 7 additional questions.
3. You need to fill in all sections of the form. If a given criteria (e.g. expertise) does not apply to you, leave the field empty.
4. Once you have completed the form, save it on your computer/tablet/smartphone.
5. Create a new email message addressed to gnso-secs@icann.org, attach the form which you previously saved and submit the application.

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Fellowship Program Mentor – GNSO Expression of Interest Acknowledgment and Consent Form

Please read this Acknowledgement and Consent carefully as it contains important details about how your personal information is collected, processed, and published when you submit your application for the Fellowship Program Mentor Position (“Position”).

By completing the Fellowship Program Application Form (“Application Form”), you authorize and consent to Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (“ICANN”, “we”, “us”, “our”) collecting and processing your personal information in accordance with this Consent Form. ICANN is the data controller of your personal information when you submit the Application Form and is responsible for complying with applicable data protection laws.

What We Collect From You

When submitting the Application Form, you understand that you may provide personal information, including your name, contact information, qualifications and professional background, and any other information you voluntarily provide.

You understand provision of personal information with your application is entirely voluntary. You determine the extent to which you provide information as part of your application. However, if you decide not to provide information, you understand that it may affect your candidacy.

It is your responsibility to obtain consent from any individual for whom you provide his or her personal information of as a part of your application.

What We Collect From Other Sources

We may collect information from other sources, including other individuals you identify. We may also collect information from publicly available sources including your personal web pages.

Why We Collect

We only process your personal information when we have a legal basis to do so under applicable law. With your consent, we process the personal information you provide in order to assess your qualifications and candidacy for the Fellowship Program Mentor Position.

Disclosures and Publication of Your Personal Information

Your completed application and all supporting documentation will be published on the GNSO Standing Selection Committee community wiki page at <https://community.icann.org/display/GSSC> for transparency purposes. Please be cognizant of your answers as these will be published.

International Transfers

Based on your consent and for the purposes set forth above, the personal information that you provide will be processed in the United States. ICANN employs adequate safeguards to protect your personal information; however, the United States may not provide you the same high level of protection of your personal information as the laws applicable in your country of residence.

Your Rights and Choices

You freely confirm your consent to all of the above. You understand that you may withdraw your consent to future processing at any time or for any reason by emailing privacy@icann.org. If you withdraw your consent, ICANN will stop processing and delete your information without undue delay, unless there are other legal grounds for processing. Your revocation, however, will not affect any personal information that we have already processed and transferred with your consent.

Subject to applicable law, you are entitled to certain rights with respect to your personal information. You can request to access, rectify, erase or restrict, or object to, the processing of your personal information or make use of the right to data portability by contacting privacy@icann.org. You also can lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority in your country of residence at any time.

CONSENT LANGUAGE

I agree to the above provisions and consent to the processing of my Fellowship Program Mentor Position Application Form to ICANN, as set forth above, and for my Application Form to be published at <https://community.icann.org/display/GSSC> in connection with ICANN's consideration for my candidacy.

I understand the above provisions and do not consent to the processing of my Fellowship Program Mentor Position Application Form to ICANN, as set forth above, or for my Application Form to be published at <https://community.icann.org/display/GSSC> in connection with ICANN's consideration for my candidacy.

Date: January 8, 2024

Applicant Information

First Name: Arsène

Last Name: Tungali

Gender: Male

Country of Residence: Democratic Republic of the Congo

Stakeholder Group/Constituency Affiliation: NCSG

Questions

1. Current employer and position. Please describe the type of work you perform:

Executive Director, Rudi International
Digital Policy Consultant

Rudi International works at the intersection of human rights and technology with program focused on capacity building, research and advocacy.

Rudi International is a member organization with NCSG's NPOC and will soon join AFRALO as an ALS.

2. Education:

Master's Degree in Development Studies with focus on ICT4D.

3. Please identify any GNSO Working Groups and/or chartered teams in which you are participating:

I am currently part of no WG but have been active in PDP WGs, from 2014 to three years ago when I took a sabbatical off ICANN.

During that period, I also served as a member of the GNSO Council for one term (two years). The GNSO Council oversees the PDP work across the GNSO. That said, I am very familiar with the process and can guide a newcomer.

I am currently serving as a member of GNSO Standing Selection Committee for the 2nd year.

4. Please describe any past involvement in the ICANN Fellowship Program, if applicable. For example, have you previously been a fellow or served as a program mentor?

I joined ICANN as a Fellow in 2014. "Once a fellow, always a fellow", is the spirit!

My fellowship was renewed twice and for the third time, I joined as a Coach/Mentor which was an opportunity to support onboarding 2 newcomers.

When I first joined ICANN, I benefited from the support of a Coach who helped me find my way in that ICANN meeting, an experience I also shared with newcomers. I found this very important. I believe in mentorship!

I was involved in the Fellowship Program review and was one of the voices in support of its stay because I see its value, helping bring new blood and new voices to ICANN but also supporting those who are willing to come back and continue their involvement.

I am fluent in both French (native) and English, which can be beneficial to those fellows who don't have English as their first language and who find it hard to navigate though the ICANN world.

5. Please assess and explain how your knowledge, experience and expertise address the criteria listed below. Leave the response blank if not applicable to you.

- **Active participant in GNSO structures and policy development processes with a track record of engagement**

After the opportunity given to me by the Fellowship program to get introduced to ICANN in 2014, I had to find my way in order to be able to stay and contribute to ICANN's work. In fact, that's what newcomers at ICANN (through the fellowship) need to be told by their mentors; that they should use the fellowship to come in, then be active in a specific community in order to be able to come back through other available opportunities.

Being selected to the GNSO Council by the NCSG was a highlight for the Fellowship program and I was used as a good example of someone who got in through the fellowship and then worked his way up to a leadership role.

All this, because I was active in my SG and a good contributor to the PDP WGs.

- **Previous experience serving as a mentor, teacher, or learning facilitator is a plus**

Within ICANN, I officially served as a Coach (Mentor) after my two fellowships; a rewarding experience, a way to give back and introduce new commers to ICANN.

In my professional life, I have served as a trainer and a learning facilitator, being the executive of a nonprofit running capacity building programs.

I have also supported the onboarding of newcomers within various programs and opportunities I have had in the past, outside of ICANN.

- **Strong written and verbal communication skills**

I am fluent in French (mother tongue) and English (work language), which is a plus in this ICANN ecosystem that welcomes those who are non-English natives as well.

I know how difficult it is for a non-English native to get into ICANN and find their way, I will be happy to specifically help this category of fellows navigate. I am also a sworn-in translator between English and French.

I am a researcher in social sciences and have produced research reports (in ICT field), have given interviews and have been an outstanding blogger in my younger age. I still blog, but not very often anymore due to time constraint. I am a published author.

- **Project management and coordination skills**

Having benefited from the help of a Coach for my first ICANN meeting and later on served in the same capacity, I know how important it is to be able to better organize oneself and to coordinate tasks and fellows, ensuring everyone is ready for the meeting, is able to navigate the actual meeting as well as able to feedback after the meeting (reporting phase).

As an executive for the last 12 years, I can confirm my project management and coordination skills that I am willing to lend to the fellowship program.

- **Networking skills**

Fellows need to be introduced to the ICANN community and to its leaders. This is important and having been in and around ICANN since 2014, I will be able to help this way.

Outside of ICANN, I have served in the global IGF MAG for three years (currently with the African IGF MAG), been active in ISOC, the ITU and the other major I* institutions, giving me a broad understanding of the ecosystem and the necessary networks to support fellows.

6. Please assess and explain how your knowledge, experience & personality meet the desired attributes listed below. Leave the response blank if not applicable to you.

- **Member of a GNSO Stakeholder Group and/or Constituency**

I am a member of the NCSG

- **Understanding of the ICANN's mission, structure, and multistakeholder model**

As a former member of the ICANN leadership (GNSO Council), I do have a very good understanding of ICANN Org and its structures.

- **Willingness to devote the necessary time a resources prior to and during the ICANN meeting**

Because I am rejoining ICANN and not yet involved in PDPs, I can confirm that I have the necessary time to dedicate to the task.

- **Ability to create a supportive atmosphere for mentees by being open, accessible, and approachable**

Having been mentored for ICANN and having mentored others, I have the required qualities such as openness, accessibility and I am very approachable.

I am coming from a disadvantaged community, I know how important being sponsored to attend an ICANN meeting can be a lifetime opportunity, I will therefore do my best to make sure selected fellows make the most out of their ICANN meeting.

- **Robust network within the ICANN community and ability to leverage and share that network**

I have been around ICANN since 2014, have been very active in the community, not only my own SG but across other SG/Cs.

- **Ability to present information in a manner that is simple and easy to understand**

Able to.

- **Ability to establish weekly projects and deliverables for mentees using a clear and consistent learning approach**

Able to.

7. Please explain your interest in serving as a mentor and what you will bring to the Fellowship Program if selected.

I believe my answers to the previous questions highly speak about my interest and willingness to serve as a Mentor for the Fellowship program. I hope the GNSO will put their trust in me and designate me for this role.